

San Diego County Crime Stoppers

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### \*MEDIA RELEASE\*

# Tipster Rewards Approved

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For the month of June 2007, San Diego County Crime Stoppers approved \$3,675 in rewards to tipsters who provided information that helped solve fifteen different criminal cases that led to the arrests of thirteen people.

### **Reward Details:**

One of the tips led to the identity and arrest of a suspect wanted for robbing two Starbucks coffee shops and a Mission Valley hotel. Another tip led to the arrest of one suspect for a street robbery that occurred in Chula Vista. Four other tips led to the arrest of four suspects with outstanding warrants; sexual assault, burglary, elder abuse, and parole violations. Two other tips led to the arrest of three suspects; one for possession of methamphetamine for sale and two for possession of marijuana for sale.

The Campus Crime Stoppers program had four positive campus tips that resulted in four students arrested at local schools. One case helped solve a burglary at a high school; detectives arrested one student and recovered the two stolen computers. Another case led to the arrest of one student for making terrorist threats at a high school. Two other tips led to the arrest of two students, one for possessing a banned substance at a middle school and the other for bringing a knife and marijuana to a high school.

### **Program Details:**

The rewards are authorized at a monthly meeting of the board of directors of Crime Stoppers, a volunteer, non-profit organization that has been in operation in San Diego since September of 1984. In 22 years, Crime Stoppers has received more than 17,500 tips, leading to more than 2,200 arrests and solving more than 3,600 local crime cases.

Here's how the program works: The tipster calls in anonymously and is given a code number. When the tipster calls back at a later time, he or she is told whether the board of directors has authorized a reward payment. If a reward has been authorized, the tipster then is directed to go to a specific bank and provide the code number to receive the reward.

San Diego County Crime Stoppers has a toll-free tip line that should be used by all people submitting tips: 1-888-580-TIPS (8477).

Media inquiries should be directed to Officer James Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion.

The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000.

Information must be received on the tip line – 1-888-580-TIPS.